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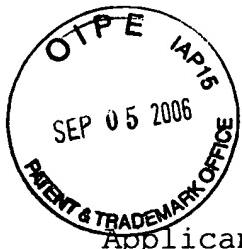
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5 Serial Number: 10/715,186  
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20 respectfully request that the remarks presented herein be entered  
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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of  
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25 23 are amended.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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